

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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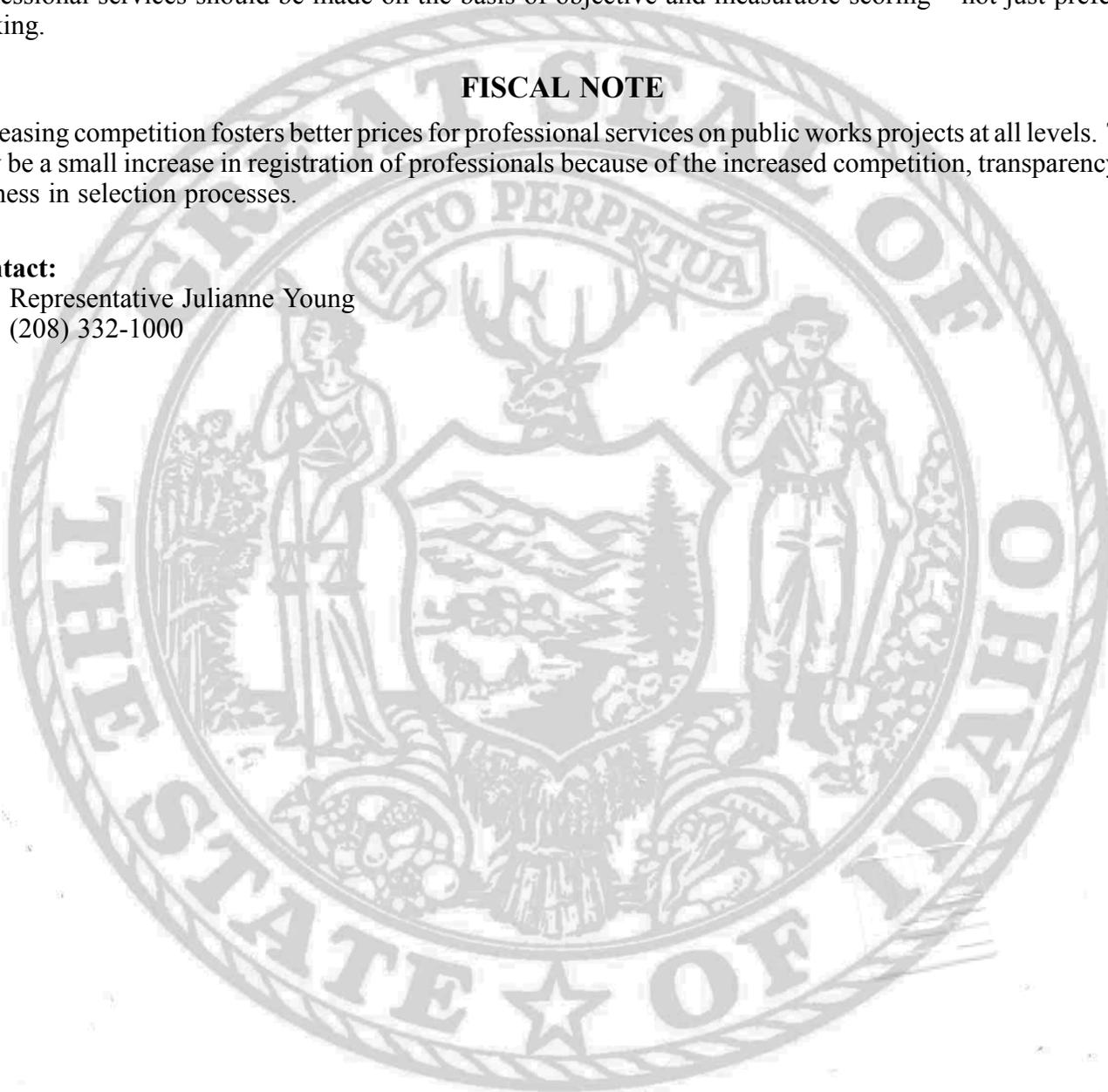
This legislation clarifies that a public agency or political subdivision is not limited to maintaining a list of 3 persons or entities when engaging in a selection process. The legislation also makes it clear that fees, costs, and rates must be disclosed and considered for the basis of selection and negotiation of contracts for professional services. This legislation also clarifies that scope, nature of the services, and budget must be determined before selection and contracting with professional services. The legislation also clarifies that the selection process for professional services should be made on the basis of objective and measurable scoring – not just preference ranking.

FISCAL NOTE

Increasing competition fosters better prices for professional services on public works projects at all levels. There may be a small increase in registration of professionals because of the increased competition, transparency, and fairness in selection processes.

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